ABSOLUTE RATING: Below Average IMPROVEMENT RATING: Below Average Number of districts with students like ours: 11.

The absolute ratings for those districts ranged from below average to average. For improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to good.

Definitions of District Rating Terms

Excellent- District performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Good- District performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Average- District performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal. **Below Average**- District is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC

Unsatisfactory- District performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

PALMETTO ACHIEVEMENT CHALLENGE TESTS (PACT) RESULTS

Our District

Districts With Students Like Ours



Mathematics

1% 15% English/ Language Arts



43% 17%

1% 17% English/ Language Arts



Proficient



Below Basic

DEFINITIONS OF CRITICAL TERMS:

- Advanced Student performance exceeded expectations.
- Proficient Student performance met expectations.
- Basic Student performance met minimum performance expectations.
- Below Basic Student performance did not meet minimum performance expectations.

PERFO	RMANCE BY S	TUDENT GROUPS		
	Percent of Seniors Passing the	Percent of Seniors Qualifying for LIFE	Percent of Students Basic or on the Parcent	Scoring Above
Student Group	Exit Exam	Scholarships	ELA	Math
All Students	88.7%	6.5%	48.3%	35.1%
Students with disabilities other than Speech	50.0%	0.0%	16.7%	10.4%
Students without disabilities	92.3%	7.0%	51.9%	37.9%
Gender				
Male	88.9%	5.0%	41.5%	32.1%
Female	88.6%	7.1%	55.1%	37.9%
Ethnic Group				
African-American Hispanic	92.0% N/A	6.3% N/A	44.1% N/A	30.1% N/A
White	81.0%	7.1%	63.6%	53.5%
Other	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Lunch Status				
Free/ Reduced-Price Lunch	85.4%	6.1%	42.7%	28.9%
Pay for Lunch	95.7%	7.7%	78.6%	68.6%

TENTH GRADE PASSAGE OF ONE OR MORE SUBTESTS OF THE EXIT EXAM

	First-time Examinees					
	1999	2000	2001			
Our district						
Passed all 3 subtests	46.1%	45.2%	49.2%			
Passed 2 subtests	30.3%	22.6%	21.5%			
Passed 1 subtest	13.2%	17.9%	18.5%			
Passed no subtest	10.5%	14.3%	10.8%			
Districts with students like ours						
Passed all 3 subtests	46.6%	48.8%	53.8%			
Passed 2 subtests	23.4%	22.4%	19.4%			
Passed 1 subtest	16.3%	16.6%	14.9%			
Passed no subtest	13 7%	12 2%	11 9%			

LIFE scholarships at four-year institutions

		Percent of Seniors	
		Meeting Grade Point	Meeting SAT/ACT
	Eligible	Average Requirement	Requirement
Our District	6.5%	35.5%	6.5%
Districts Like Ours	7.7%	40.3%	7.9%

College Admissions Tests: Tests that are frequently used in the college admissions process.

	SAT	SAT	SAT	ACT	ACT	ACT	ACT	ACT
	Verbal	Math	Total	English	Math	Reading	Science	Total
	2000 2001	2000 2001	2000 2001	2000 2001	2000 2001	2000 2001	2000 2001	2000 2001
District	422 436	409 418	831 854	15.1 15.5	15.2 16.2	16.5 16.1	15.6 17.8	15.7 16.5
State	484 486	482 488	966 974	18.7 18.8	19.2 19.3	19.5 19.5	19.2 19.2	19.3 19.3
Nation	505 506	514 514	1019 1020	20.5 20.5	20.7 20.7	21.4 21.3	21.0 21.0	21.0 21.0

These tests were administered to samples of students:

Terra Nova Test: A national, norm-referenced achievement test. Percent scoring in upper half

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	Rea	Reading		Language		Language		ath	To	otal
	State	Nation	State	Nation	State	Nation	State	Nation		
Grade 4	47.8	50.0.	43.1	50.0	58.4	50.0	50.5	50.0		
Grade 7	45.8	50.0	59.4	50.0	54.7	50.0	53.9	50.0		
Grade 10	59.6	50.0	59.5	50.0	62.4	50.0	59.1	50.0		

National Assessment of Education Progress : A national, criterion-referenced achievement test.

Percents of Students

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			Adva	anced	Prof	ficient	Ва	asic	Belov	v Basic	
Test	Grade	Year	State	Nation	State	Nation	State	Nation	State	Nation	
Reading	4	1998	4	6	18	23	33	32	45	39	
Writing	8	1998	0	1	15	23	64	59	21	17	
Mathematics	4	2000	2	3	16	23	42	43	40	31	

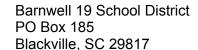
DISTRICT PROFILE INDICATORS OF DISTRICT PERFORMANCE

			With	
	This District	Change from Last Year	Students Like Ours	Median District
DISTRICT				
Dollars per student	\$7,653	N/A	\$6,964	\$6,464
Prime instructional time	88%	Up from 87.9%	88.6%	89.4%
 Student-teacher ratio 	19.7 to 1	N/A	19.6 to 1	20.2 to 1
 Vacancies for more than nine weeks 	0%	N/A	0.6%	0.6%
STUDENTS (n=1,029)				
Advanced placement/ int'l baccalaureate program exam success ratio	0%	N/A	12.6%	43.8%
Attendance Rate	95.7%	Up from 94.8%	95.7%	95.7%
Taking PACT (ELA) off grade level	8%	N/A	6.1%	5.8%
Taking PACT (Math) off grade level	5.8%	N/A	4.8%	4.5%
Retention rate	5.1%	Up from 4.7%	7.4%	6.0%
TEACHERS (n=80)				
 Professional development days per teacher 	9 Days	Up from 8.7	8.2 Days	7.8 Days
Attendance rate	93.9%	Down from 95.1%	94.2%	95.2%
Advanced Degrees	36.3%	Up from 33.3%	42.7%	44.4%
 Continuing contracts 	85%	Up from 82.7%	81.1%	81.4%
Out-of-field permits	2.5%	Up from 1.2%	3%	2.2%
 Teachers returning from the previous year 	83.1%	Down from 83.6%	87.1%	89.5%
Average salary	\$33,823	Up 3.7%	\$35,595	\$37,143

Districts

DISTRICT FACTS

DISTRICT				
Annual dropout rate	3.7%	Up from 2.9%	2.7%	2.9%
 Percentage spent on teacher salaries 	44.5%	N/A	47.1%	50.9%
 Superintendent's years in the district 	2	N/A	2	3.5
 Parent conferences 	63.1%	N/A	85%	81.0%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	N/A	Good	Excellent
 Number of schools 	3	No change	6	8
 Number of alternative schools 	0	No change	0	0
Number of charter schools	0	No change	0	0
Number of magnet schools	0	N/A	0	0
 Portable classrooms 	2.5%	N/A	3.1%	6.5%
 Attendance rate of district office staff 	96.6%	Down from 98.6%	97.9%	97.5%
 Average administrative salary 	\$60,956	Up 6.6%	\$62,387	\$64,098
STUDENTS				
Enrollment in adult education GED or diploma programs	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Percent of completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
 Suspensions and expulsions 	80	N/A	80	100
Percent eligible for state gifted and talented programs	5.9%	No change	6.7%	10.5%
 Percentage with disabilities other than speech 	11.9%	Up from 8.5%	11.1%	10.5%





Grades K-12

Enrollment: 1,029 Students

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DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Many facts and figures have gone into the compilation of our school and district report cards. Yet, looking beyond these statistics into the face of a child is the only way to judge the impact our schools have made. Our district offers programs for the very young child through adulthood. We employ some of the best administrators, teachers, and support personnel in the state. Our facilities are first class. Our students have excelled both academically and athletically. Our parents help to strengthen the bond between our schools and the community. Enrichment, extended day, summer school, adult education, parenting, and tutorial programs enhance the learning experiences for our students. Supplementary and manipulative materials as well as an excellent technology program provide the practical and hands-on learning experiences our students need to be successful. Our goal is to meet each of our student's needs on an individual basis. Our district is challenged each year to recruit and retain quality teachers. One of our greatest daily challenges is to find resources and revenues to fund and expand educational opportunities for our students.

As superintendent, my priorities are to strive to see that student achievement continues to improve; to provide a safe and drug-free learning-conducive environment; and to ensure that our facilities are developed and kept in a manner that encourages pride and excellence.

I would like to invite you to become involved in our schools and encourage your children in their educational endeavors. Our children need to know that we are interested in them and what they do, that we care about their successes and failures, and that we will always be here for them. It takes all of us working together in a cooperative spirit to show our children how important they are. Let us make a united effort to have a school system that will build great futures for the children entrusted to our care. We are responsible for the education of all students and must stand accountable for that education. We must be accountable for doing all within our power to see that each student has every opportunity the schools can provide for his or her education. That, combined with individual motivation and cooperation from the student, from parents, and from the home, should, we trust, provide the maximum in education for all.

--- William A. Sandifer, Superintendent

South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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